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1. AS WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN FBIS ACCOUNT OF RECENT STATEMENT
GIVEN BY FAROUK QADDOUMI, HEAD OF PLO EXCOMM POLITICAL
DEPT, TO CAIRO-BASED "SAWT FILISTINE" (VOICE OF PALESTINE),
WE ARE SUMMARIZING CONTENTS WHICH WERE RELEASED LOCALLY
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2. QADDOUMI DISCUSSED, INTER ALIA, FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST:

(A) ROLE OF USSR IN ME: "EXCLUSION OF SOVIET UNION FROM PEACE EFFORTS WOULD WEAKEN ARAB CAUSE. RUSSIA IS NOT ONLY FRIEND AND ALLY, BUT IS PRINCIPAL POWER SUPPORTING CONFRONTATION STATES. WE, PLO AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, WILL NEVER AGREE TO EXCLUSION OF SOVS FROM ANY CONSULTATIONS OR MEASURES AIMED AT ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE."

(B) 'ARAFAT VISIT TO MOSCOW: "WE ('ARAFAT, NASHASHIBIGI AND QADDOUMI) MET COMRADE BREZHNEV. MEETING WAS WARM AND BREZHNEV TOOK 'ARAFAT IN HIS ARMS AND KISSED HIM. MEETING OCCURRED MAY 1 AT 1200 HOURS AND BREZHNEV ASSERTED SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND FOR PROGRAM WHICH WAS APPROVED AT LAST PALESTINE PEOPLE AND FOR PROGRAM WHICH WAS APPROVED AT LAST PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL (JUNE, 1974) PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL AUTHORITY. DISCUSSIONS WHICH WE HELD WERE VERY IMPORTANT AND DETAILED. SOVIET FRIENDS ACKNOWLEDGED DURING TALKS THAT PALESTINE CASE IS ESSENCE OF STRUGGLE IN ME AND ORIGIN OF ALL CRISES. SOVIET RECOGNITION ENTAILS RECOGNITION THAT PLO IS A PRINCIPAL PARTY IN STRUGGLE AND THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO PEACE EFFORTS IN AREA WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ON EQUAL FOOTING. THIS SOVIET STAND IS NOT RPT NOT NEW BECAUSE USSR APPROVED UNGA RES NO. 3236 ...SOVIETS DID NOT RPT NOT RESTRICT THEIR SUPPORT TO UN RESOLUTIONS, BUT WENT FURTHER TO MATERIAL AND MORAL ASPECTS."

(C) PLO PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE: QADDOUMI SAID DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW INCLUDED GENEVA CONFERENCE WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "CLOUDY AND VAGUE." 'ARAFAT, HE SAID, TOLD SOVS THAT PLO CANNOT RAISE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA AT NEXT PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL "UNLESS WE RECEIVE INVITATION BASED ON FORMULA WE UNCLASSIFIED

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WISH. INVITATION SHOULD BE BASED ON UNGA RES 3236 AND WE SHOULD KNOW FIRST EXPECTED BENEFITS AND RESULTS OF PLO PARTICIPATION AS WELL AS CLEAR PRELIMINARY STEPS REPRESENTED BY PROGRAM OF ACTION... SOVIET UNION WILL SUPPORT OUR CALL FOR FORMULA WE WANT. WE FOUND NO RPT NO DIFFICULTY IN CONVINCING SOVIETS THAT THIS FORMULA SHOULD BE BASED ON UNGA RES 3236 RPT 3236,

WHICH AFFIRMS RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS TO PALESTINE. "

(D) PLO RECONGINITION OF ISRAEL: "WE ARE NOT RPT NOT READY TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL, MAKE PEACE WITH IT OR GIVE UP ONE INCH OF TERRITORY". QADDOUMI ADDED THAT USSR HAD UNDERSTOOD AND SUPPORTS PLO POSITION.

(E) US ME POLICY REASSESSMENT: QADDOUMI DISMISSED TALK OF US "REASSESSMENT" AS PLOY BECAUSE US POLICY IS "AGGRESSIVE" AND "IMPERIALIST" AND CANNOT BE CHANGED EXCEPT BE "DEFEAT" AS OCCURRED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. USG, HE ASSERTED, IS ATTEMPTING CREATE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH ISRAEL CAN LAUNCH WAR AGAINST ARABS AT TIME OF ISRAEL'S CHOOSING. THEREFORE, ACCORDING QADDOUMI, PROPER ARAB RESPONSE IS MILITARY PREPARATION.

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